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caŋdar	noon.
buoka caŋ	middle of afternoon.
ke thiaŋ	late afternoon.
ci war lip	early evening.
war	night.
wardar	midnight.

('ci' is pronounced 'chi', 'caŋ,' is pronounced 'chang', 'thiaŋ', is pronounced 'thiang'.)

NAMES OF NUER—DETERMINING DATES

[527] A Nuer has a splendid memory, but dates, birthdays, and anniversaries are not the things he stores away in it.

A parent may tell you in what season of the year a child was born, but after a few years the number of its years becomes but a confused memory.

When some special event has transpired which fixes a date firmly in their minds, they may date an event from that time. The time when the English patrol was in the Garjak country is often used when dates are discussed; an event may be dated either so long before or after the 'boats of the air' came. A flood, a famine, a year when wild animals were numerous, all may be used to mark time.

805 561 When the age of a child is asked it may be determined from the reply to such questions as:

does he crawl?	one year.
is he weaned?	(if so) three years old.
does he herd sheep?	8–12 years old.

805 551 561 For later ages one may ask 'when will he have the tribal marks cut?' (tribal marks are usually cut when the boy is from 14–16 years old). After the tribal marks are cut, age may be determined by the class name, providing the sequence of classes is known (see Chapter IV.)